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Dear Mr. «LastName»:

As you are already aware, projects advertised after October 1, 2003, may include a Precast Concrete Quality Control specification. This specification was developed with significant input from industry representatives. The new specification requires that **any** pre-cast concrete contractor or pre-cast concrete subcontractor engaged in the fabrication of:

- pre-cast piles,
- pre-cast girders,
- pre-cast deck units or,
- pre-cast MSE panels,

successfully complete the California Department of Transportation's Precast Concrete Fabrication Qualification Audit. The audits will be performed by personnel assigned to the Office of Structural Materials (OSM). Copies of the audit form, along with procedures for requesting and completing the audit, are available on the following website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/smbpubs.htm.

OSM has responded to several inquiries about the specification and the audit process from pre-cast producers around California. I encourage pre-cast producers to take the necessary steps to qualify themselves to produce structural pre-cast products for California in accordance with the new specifications. OSM has committed resources to perform the audits and to assist pre-cast producers meet this goal.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 450-7765 or at keith_hoffman@dot.ca.gov if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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